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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing project and product information to a corporate purchaser of floor covering materials using an internet-based Web site system, the method comprising:

providing a Web site system that includes a Web site accessible through a computer based server that includes a link to a customer specific URL and that includes an accessible database containing data including a catalog of project and product data corresponding to floor covering installation projects for said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials;

identifying one or more users authorized to access the Web site of the Web site system on behalf of said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials;

assigning to said one or more users personalized registration information in said database;

establishing a category based listing of data elements accessible by each of said one or more users in said database;

in response to an entry of personalized registration information from a remote computing device by an individual user, linking said individual user to said customer specific URL by system software;

receiving a request for floor covering installation project data from said individual user from the remote computing device;

correlating the entered registration information to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user by system software;

retrieving a portion of the requested project data corresponding to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user from said database; and

transmitting to said remote computing device of the individual user in electronic format said portion of the requested project data corresponding to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user while excluding data elements not accessible by said individual user, wherein said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials is a corporate entity having a plurality of business locations, wherein the catalog of project and product data includes data on any active floor covering installation projects, wherein the catalog of project and product data includes data on any completed floor covering installation projects, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to an order page for said individual user to place an order with a manufacturer of said floor covering materials by a remote computing device, and wherein the order page is linked to a listing of floor covering materials preauthorized by said corporate

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purchaser of floor covering materials such that the order placed by the individual user is limited to such preauthorized floor covering materials.

2. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein in the "establishing" step, the category based listing of data elements accessible by each of said one or more users is arranged on the basis of geographic location of the floor covering installation projects.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising updating project data during the progression of the floor covering installation projects by entry of additional information into a database specific to said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 6, wherein entry of additional information into the database specific to said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials is carried out by means of a remote data entry system by a representative of a manufacturer of said floor covering material.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to means to request quotations for new floor covering installations.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to a contact page for said individual user to communicate information or messages to a manufacturer of said floor covering materials.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the Web site system is provided by a manufacturer of floor covering materials.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of providing project and product information to a corporate purchaser of floor covering materials using an internet-based Web site system, the method comprising:

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providing a Web site system that includes a Web site accessible through a computer based server that includes a link to a customer specific URL and that includes an accessible database containing data including a catalog of project and product data corresponding to floor covering installation projects for said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials, wherein the Web site is provided by the manufacturer of said floor covering materials and wherein said floor covering materials are selected from a group consisting of carpet and carpet tile;

the corporate purchaser and the manufacturer of said floor covering materials identifying one or more users authorized to access the Web site system on behalf of said purchaser;

assigning to said one or more users a personalized registration code and ID;

establishing a listing of data elements from said database accessible by each of said one or more users;

in response to an entry of a personalized registration code and ID by an individual user via a remote computing device, linking said individual user to said customer specific URL;

receiving a request for floor covering installation project data from said individual user;

correlating the entered registration code and ID to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user;

retrieving a portion of the requested project data corresponding to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user; and

transmitting to said individual user in electronic format said portion of the requested project data corresponding to the listing of data elements accessible by said individual user while excluding data elements not accessible by said individual user, wherein said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials is a corporate entity having a plurality of business locations, wherein the catalog of project and product data includes data on any active floor covering installation projects, wherein the catalog of project and product data includes data on any completed floor covering installation projects, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to an order page for said individual user to place an order with the manufacturer of said floor covering materials by a remote computing device, and wherein the order page is linked to a listing of floor covering materials preauthorized by said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials such that the order placed by the individual user is limited to such preauthorized floor covering materials.

14. - 16. (Canceled)

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17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein in the "establishing" step, the listing of data elements accessible by each of said one or more users is arranged on the basis of geographic location of the floor covering installation projects.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, further comprising updating project data during the progression of the floor covering installation projects by entry of additional information into a database specific to said purchaser of floor covering materials.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 18, wherein entry of additional information into the database specific to said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials is carried out by means of a remote data entry system by a representative of the manufacturer of said floor covering materials.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to means to submit directly to the manufacturer of said floor covering materials a request for quotation (RFQ) for new floor covering installations.

22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the customer specific URL further includes a link to a contact page for said individual user to communicate information or messages to the manufacturer of said floor covering materials.

23. – 35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the listing of floor covering materials preauthorized by said corporate purchaser is a user specific listing such that different floor covering materials are preauthorized for order by different individual users.

37. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the system further generates invoicing and collection data for said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials.

38. (Canceled)

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39. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the listing of floor covering materials preauthorized by said corporate purchaser is a user specific listing such that different floor covering materials are preauthorized for order by different individual users.

40. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the system further generates invoicing and collection data for said corporate purchaser of floor covering materials.